agencies, subject only to his responsibility to the Secretary of Public Safety and Correctional Services and to the Governor. The exercise or performance of all powers, authority, duties and functions vested in the Commissioner by the provisions of this subtitle, shall be subject to the power and authority of the Secretary of Public Safety and Correctional Services as set forth in Article 41 of this Code, or elsewhere in the laws of this State.

677.

The Commissioner of Correction, within thirty days after June 30, in each year, shall transmit to the Secretary of Public Safety and Correctional Services, who shall in turn transmit to the Comptroller of the State an accurate, detailed statement of all receipts and disbursements of the [Department] Division of Correction during the year ending on the thirtieth of June preceding.

678.

The Commissioner shall make a report every year, on or before the last day of October, to the Secretary of Public Safety and Correctional Services and to the Governor, showing the expenses, profits, losses, receipts, disbursements, condition and progress of the said institutions, together with a statement of the number of prisoners, their age, sex, color, place of nativity and conviction, offense, term of confinement, escapes, pardons, and discharges, accompanied by such remarks and suggestions as may appear necessary to the advancement of the interests of said institutions. The Commissioner, at the time of making such annual report to the Secretary and to the Governor, shall transmit therewith a statement similar to that required to be made to the Comptroller in Section 677; and the statements and reports required to be made in this section and Section 677 of this article shall be duly sworn to by the Commissioner of Correction, and the Governor shall communicate such statements and reports to the legislature with such recommendations as he may think expedient.

679.

The office of deputy commissioner of correction is created. He shall be appointed by the Commissioner, for an indefinite term at the pleasure of the Commissioner and shall not be subject to the provisions of Article 64A of this Code. He shall be a person with adequate knowledge of penal institutions and systems of prison-use and institution-use programs and with executive experience therein. Subject to [departmental] policy of the Division of Correction as established from time to time by the Commissioner, he is generally in charge of [custodial matters, of problems and procedures for treatment and rehabilitation of inmates in the several institutions and agencies in the Department, of prison-use and institutional-use programs and work in the several institutions and agencies in the Department, including the so-called State-use industries and work done under the so-called State-Use Industries Fund. administrative procedures within the Division. In the absence of the Commissioner, the Deputy shall be acting commissioner.

(b) The office of assistant commissioner of correction is created. He shall be appointed by the Commissioner, for an indefinite term at